(b) what were the major causes for this tardy progress in implementing programme of universalisation of elementary education; and

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the States are diverting funds allotted for priority education programmes to other sub-sectors of education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) The Sixth Five Year Plan had fixed a nationa target of 95.2 per cent enrolment in the age-group 6—11 at primary level and 50.3 per cent in the age-group 11—14 at enrolment middle level. The States and Union Territories that are projected to have achieved less than 95.2 per cent enrolment in primary education are :

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

The States and Union Territories that are projected to have acnieved less than 503 per cent enrolment at the are middle level are:

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Arunchal Pradesh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

(b) The major causes for slow progress in implementing the programme of universalization of elementary education have been the inadequacy of resources, the socio-economic reasons because of which some people do not avail of educational facility even when it is ready available.

(c) The Sixth Plan outlay for elementary education was Rs. 851 crores in the State Sector. As against this the expected expenditure is Rs. 867 crores which does not indicate that most States have been diverting funds away from elementary education sector.

Lss of acdemic days due to strige by teachers

352. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers of the Delhi University went on strike in the year of 1983; if so, how many days the strike lasted;

(b) what were their demands and what was the outcome of the strike;

(c) whether it is also fact that teachers of the Delhi University are again on strike now on the same demands that were raised in 1983;

(d) if so, when the strike began and how many academic days been lost till date; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to end the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) The DUTA remained on strike from October 12, 1982, to January 29, 1983.

(b) Their major demands were: (i) implementation of a time-bond promotion for all teachers; and

(ii) improvement of housing facilities for teachers in the University and its colleges. At that time the UGC had agreed to these two demands.

(c) to (e) The DUTA went on strike with effect from December 10, 1985 to press for their demands. The main demands were: (i) withdrawal of U.G.C.s instruction regarding the termination of the Merit Promotion Scheme; (ii) improvement of housing facilities; (iii) sanction of stagnation removal increments for selection grade lectures in colleges; and

(iv) institution of Professor's Grade in Colleges. As a result of efforts made by the University, U.G.C. and the Government, the strike has been withdrawn and teaching resumed with effect from 23rd February, 1986. The strike has resulted in the loss of 40 academic days.

Karur-Dindigul Rail Project

353. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALASAMY:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question 863 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1985 and state:

(a) the funds allocated for the Karur-Dindigul- Madurai -Tuticorin- Tirunelveli Broad Gauge Line Project in 1985-86;

(b) the amount spent out of the allocated amount till day;

(c) the work completed in each section; and

(d) by when the whole project is likely to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 4.3 crores.

(b) Full amount has been spent.

(c) Parallel BG line from Tirunelveli to Milavittan (53 kms.) has been opened to goods traffic on 6-5-1985. Progress on New Line between Karur and Dindigul is 15 per cent.

(d) The completion of the entire project will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Late arrival of Kerala Express

354. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the specific reasons for the late arrival of Kerala Express at New Delhi on the 9th February, 1986;

(b) for how many hours the Super Fast Express was late; and

(c) how many times it reached late during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Primarily due to working by a single locomotive, the other having failed.

(b) 5 Hours, 40 minutes.

(c) 15 times.

Boeing aircraft in the fleet of Air India and Indian Airlines

355. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Boeing aircraft in the fleet of Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) whether Government have any proposal for mandatory checks on Boeing 747 aircraft frames;

(c) whether all the checks have been completed in stipulated time; and

(d) whether any defects have been found in any of the aircraft frames?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Indian Airlines has 25 Boeing-737 aircraft and Air India has 9 Boeing 747-200-B and 5 Boeing-707 aircraft in their fleet.

(b) The checks on Boeing-747 aircraft structural frames required by the manufacturers/Federal Aviation Administration (USA) have been declared mandatory by the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During additional checks required by the Civil Aviation Department some defects were observed on one of the frame attachment splices on two aircraft VT-EGB and EBO which were reported as per manufacturers approved repair scheme.